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MBFR VIENNA EYES ONLY FOR RESOR FROM SONNENFELDT

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM USNATO DEC 10:

QUOTE S E C R E T USNATO 6774

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS USDEL MBFR VIENNA EYES ONLY FOR RESOR  
FROM SONNENFELDT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: FRENCH DATA ISSUE

1. IN THE COURSE OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF INTENSIVE DIS-  
CUSSION INVOLVING DE LABOULAYE, VAN WELL, AND DAVIGNON, THE FRENCH  
MADECCLEAR THAT WHILE THEY COULD ACCEPT THE DRAFT GUIDANCE  
ON WESTERN DATA AND ON RED DATA, THEY COULD NOT REMAIN  
SILENT ON THE EXPLANATORY TALKING POINTS WHICH BELGIAN  
PERMREP SCHUURMANS HAD LEFT WITH FRENCH PERMREP TINEX.

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2. DE LABOULAYE ASKED BELGIUM AND THE FRG TO WITHDRAW

THE TALKING POINTS SO THAT FRANCE WOULD NO LONGER BE  
OFFICIALLY COGNIZANT OF THEM. IN THEIR PLACE,  
DE LABOULAYE, VAN WELL, AND DAVIGNON WITH MY CONCURRENCE  
WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING BRIEF POINTS WHICH BELGIUM  
WOULD INTRODUCE AT SPC MEETING:  
BEGIN TEXT:

I. ANSWER TO THE EAST.

IN ANSWER TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS OF THE EAST  
CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE FIGURES TRANSMITTED, IT  
WILL BE CONFIRMED THAT THEY ONLY CONSIST OF FORCES BELONGING  
TO COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

II. COMMENTARY FOR THE AD HOC GROUP.

THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE  
NOT MODIFIED THEIR POSITION ON THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING.  
ON THIS POINT A DISAGREEMENT SUBSISTS WITH THE FRENCH DELEGATION.  
THE TRANSMISSION OF THE DTA DOES NOT MODIFY THE EXISTING  
SITUATION. END TEXT.

3. DE LABOULAYE HAS SUBMITTED THIS TEXT TO PARIS WITH A  
RECOMMENDATION FOR ITS ACCEPTANCE. IF THE FRENCH ANSWER  
IS POSITIVE, WE WILL CONCUR IN ITS SUBMISSION TO SPC.  
THE SECRETARY APPROVES. THIS IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION,  
AND YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS IT WITH OTHERS AT THIS TIME.

4. ALL ADDRESSEES WILL APPRECIATE THAT BOTH FRANCE AND THE  
FRG HAVE MADE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO GET THE MATTER RESOLVED,  
ALTHOUGH THE BASIC DIFFERENCE REMAINS, AS WE ASSUMED IT WOULD.  
STRAUSZ-HUPE UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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